(viii) **The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act 1996-[PESA—1996]**

- It was agreed that action would be taken to ensure legislation or amendment of relevant Acts/Rules, to bring them in conformity with the provisions of the PESA, 1996, latest by 31.3.2002.

Amount sanctioned to voluntary organisations by CAPART

† 1168. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) -the names of the voluntary organisations that have been sanctioned amounts by CAPART for rural development during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(b) the details of projects concerning the public programmes and the rural technology development programmes undertaken by these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Making readymade garments sector viable

1169. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 83 lakh units of readymade garments employing almost 184 lakh workers arc on the verge of closure due to imports from Bangladesh, China and Sri Lanka and excise hike;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to make the readymade garments sector viable so as to save lakhs of workers engaged in the industry from loosing their jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.